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CALENDAR OF ILLINOIS HISTORY.

April 18, 1849.—Kaskaskia River. A
steam packet is to be run on the Kas-
kaskia River between Chester and
Carlyle.

POINTED TOES

The weakest part of an American is
—his feet. When Col. Bates of the

New York National Guard took his
men for long hikes last summer along

the Rio Grande, he found that their
feet gave out long before their stom-

achs, hearts or lungs. And their
feet were picked feet, too; the examiners
had seen to that when they enlisted.

Nearly all of us have bad feet. If
it isn't fallen arches, it's pretty sure

to be misshapen toes, and the weak
ankles that they create.

And the
chief cause of this evil and of all the
pedal weakness and misery it brings
is the typical American shoe with its
pointed toe.

The medical examiner in one of our
recruiting offices calls the pointed
"a national menace." Says Dr. Henry
L. Taylor of the American Posture
League: "It is more than that;
it is a national calamity. It has done
its deadly work for a generation. It
must be given up. The demand that
it shall be is irresistible. It is just
as vital as any other form of pre-
paredness."

Any man who goes on a long tramp
in an ordinary "fashionable" shoe, nar-
row and tight at the toes, and having
a rather high heel, will find that his
feet soon begin to bother him. The
toes turn sore. The instep or heel
chafes. The ankle weakens. The
shoe may have seemed to "fit," but the
test shows it doesn't.

With army shoes the same man
finds he can walk twice as far with
less discomfort. The army shoe has
wide toes and a fairly low heel.

As for the ordinary woman's shoe,
the less said the better.

If broad-toed shoes are good for sol-
diers, why not for all of us? We all
have to walk.

ENGLAND'S GERMAN ROYALTY.

In days of old when knights were
bold, and in fact, much longer ago
than that, way back before anyone had
sprung the doctrine of divine right of
kings, a ruler of a people became a
ruler simply because he was stronger
than other men, or wiser, or both. In
other words, a people chose to rule it
the man who had shown himself best
able to protect it from its enemies.

But with the advance of civiliza-
tion, and with the natural desire of
rulers to keep the rule in their own
families, grew up the absurd belief in
a sort of royal caste. Kings could
not marry beneath their own rank.
This meant that they had to marry the
daughters of kings of other countries.
At present the blood of the rulers of
Europe is pretty thoroly mixed, and
hardly a nation has a royal family of
its own blood.

In England, for example, the royal
house is the house of Hanover, purely
German in its origin. The king of
Greece is a Dane. The queen of
Greece is sister of the present Ger-
man emperor. The lady who was for-
merly czarina of Russia, of only the
vaguest interest to Americans, but
who is now plain Mrs. Romanoff, and
receiving the heartfelt sympathy of all
the mothers of the world who know
what it is to stay up nights with a
family down with measles, is also
German. The queen of Spain is an
English princess.

Russia has deposited a royal family,
England, whose kings are no mere
titles, but rather a harmless symbol of the
nation's age and unity, has no spe-
cial desire to do anything radical
about abolishing hers. But English-
men are slowly realizing that with
Germans in the place of honor, the
joke is distinctly on them. So "Eng-
lish Brides for English Princes" has
become the slogan.

The English people want the young
crown prince to choose his wife from
among the noble families of his own
land. They no longer seem worried
about any possible loss of dignity

ILLINOIS BRIEFS.

Athens—Drilling with wooden guns,
sawed out at a saw mill near Athens,
a company of 60 men is preparing to
aid in the war on Germany at this
place, a little Menard county town of
1,000 inhabitants. The men go thru the
drill manual every evening at a
church which has been tenanted them
as an armory. On Sunday they take
long hikes and are hardened to fatigues
and taught more complicated
drills.

Springfield—In order to boost the
planting of gardens in Harvard park to
raise vegetables which will be badly
needed as food during the coming year
and to see every square inch of the
district is cultivated, the Harvard
Park Manufacturers' association has
offered \$200 in prizes for the best gar-
dens raised by dwellers. Harvard Parks
is a section of Springfield.

Alton—In order to comply with a
request of his deceased wife that a
pair of earrings be buried with her,
Peter Jeest, of the Jeest Fish Cam-
pany here, had the body of his wife disinterred.
The earrings were given to
the Forest Jones property on Syl-
van avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Walters are the
happy parents of a baby boy, who
made his appearance here several days
ago.

Rev. C. E. Flisk and C. W. Peterson
attended the meeting of the Ottawa
Presbytery held at Mound last Wed-
nesday and Thursday.

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daughter, Frances Marie, at their
home Wednesday, April 11. This is
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Mrs. Duttlinger was formerly Miss Sa-
rah Jacobson.

Rock Island—Circuit Clerk George
George W. Gamble was unable to de-
cide who the present ruler of Russ-
ia is when John Zemont, an East Malone
laborer, appeared at the office and
wanted to take out first a naturalization
paper. Zemont was a Russian and
of course, had to forswear allegiance
to the ruler of his country. In order
to thoroughly cover the ground Gim-
ble finally had him forswear allegi-
ance to "the government of Russia,"
"the Duma of Russia," and to "Nichol-
as, czar of all the Russians."

Rock Island—Two thousand and
eighty-five American flags are flying
within the boundary lines of Rock Is-
land. This was discovered when
Postmaster H. P. Simpson, wishing to
get a statistical record of the paro-
chialism of the people, requested all mail
carriers to make a careful count of the
number of flags on display on their
route.

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which might come from a marriage
beneath royal rank.

It is to be hoped that the Prince
of Wales will hark to the suggestion
of the day of divine right is over.

The sooner the reigning families democ-
ratize themselves, the less danger they
will be in of being summarily and un-
comfortably democratized.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

England, in the first months of her
war, was torn by a labor war that
menaced military success. There is
to be nothing of that sort in the United
States, if agreements entered into
by representatives of American industry
are kept. Capital and labor have
both laid down their arms.

The trace has been accomplished
thru the Council of National Defense.
Large groups of employers and em-
ployees, represented on the labor com-
mittee of the council, have pledged
themselves "not to take advantage of
the country's necessity to change ex-
isting standards." There is to be no
additional burden imposed on labor un-
less the council decides that it is un-
available. And on the other hand,
union labor surrenders any claims it
might otherwise feel like pressing, for
shorter hours, better pay, etc., until
the war is over. There is to be no co-
operation in industry, as in every ot-
her branch of national activity.

There will be nothing lost by either
side in such an arrangement. If it is
adhered to in good faith. And per-
haps if capital and labor learn how to
get along to continue war time, they
will be able to continue on good terms
when peace comes.

VALIDATING ILLEGAL BOND.

The high school act which enabled
school trustees to annex any territory
it saw fit in order to create a wealthy
territory for the support of such an
institution, and which was knocked
out by the supreme court will get an-
other hearing in the House at Spring-
field today.

Two bills have been introduced, one
in the House and one in the Senate
invalidating the bonds which were
issued for the construction of high
school buildings, when this act went
into effect. These bills are being op-
posed by Representative Browne in
the theory advanced in the supreme
court decision that the law was bad
and that the whole effect of its opera-
tion was bad and illegal. The bill
however, will probably pass because a
great many districts have just such
high school organizations as provided
for in the act that was declared illegal
by the supreme court.

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GRAND RIDGE AND VICINITY

Tony and Tincleas.
Hent is not an antiseptic. It is merely
the vibration of the molecules compos-
ing the material heated. Every mate-
rial is made up of molecules and each
molecule is composed of atoms. Mole-
cules of sugar are held together by a
force called cohesion.

At absolute zero, colder yet than
liquid air, or minus 270 degrees, all
molecules are at rest. As the temper-
ature rises the molecules begin to move
to and fro. The higher the temperature
the faster the molecules move. The
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Molecules are so minute that there
are about one sextillion of them in a
single inch of air. These at freezing
temperature oscillate back and forth
at the rate of 1,470 oscillations a second. The
average length of their path between
collisions is about two hundred
and seventy-seven thousandths of an
inch. Each comes into collision with
its fellows about 5,000,000 times a sec-
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